

City Moves Forward with Budget Reductions

While successful labor negotiations with four out of five employee unions netted over \$4.3 million in annual taxpayer savings for the City, the funds are not enough to offset the entire budget deficit for 2011.

Decreases in major revenue sources, coupled with the loss of monies from the defeat of Prop H, the Telecommunications User's Tax (TUT), compounded the City's budget gap. As a result, the City is forced to make up the difference by laying off employees and the services they provide. City staff has finalized what public facilities they will be able to safely maintain and keep open with its new limited staffing levels. Beginning January 10, 2011, the City will start implementing new hours of operation at various facilities and public counters, and will be reducing many public services and programs.



"Since 2007, we have eliminated 259 permanent positions. With the loss of another 107 full-time positions in January, we simply can not accomplish the work and provide the same level of programming and services we once did," said City Manager, Jim Sandoval. "However, when our operations are open, we are committed to providing quality, dedicated service to the best of our ability and be able to safely maintain our facilities for our residents and staff."

School Resource Officer Program Partially Restored

The Chula Vista Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) program has been partially restored from the City's budget cuts thanks to two local school districts. Chula Vista Police Chief David Bejarano announced due to the agreement, many of the SROs will be reinstated. In late December, the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) and the Sweetwater Union High School District (SUHSD) approved to continue their current SRO funding through this current fiscal year and committed to continue supporting the program through the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Combined with a new state grant, the funding will subsidize eight School Resource Officers and one School Resource Sergeant allowing the Police Department to maintain this valuable program.

"This is great news for our schools, students and our officers. The funding shows we all have a collective goal of keeping our schools safe," said Bejarano.

The SRO Program serves 90 public and private schools in Chula Vista. Last year, the SROs responded to more than 2,000 calls for service from local schools. The officers serve as a proactive presence on school campuses and are dedicated law enforcement resources for each school.

Important Changes:

Clerk's Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. - noon and closed Friday

NOTE: The office will no longer provide passport services.

Finance / Business License Counter Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and closed Friday

Human Resources Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and closed Friday

Library Hours

Civic Center Branch: Tuesday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and closed Sunday and Monday

South Chula Vista Branch: Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and closed Saturday and Sunday

EastLake Branch: Monday and Wednesday 5 - 8 p.m. and closed Thursday - Sunday

Recreation Hours and Services

All recreation centers will be open two days a week. Hours of operation will be varied and posted at each center as well as the City's website. Most fee-free activities and drop-in programs are being eliminated. Fee-based classes are being revamped and will be posted in January. Most facilities will continue to be available for rent during non-operational days and times.

Loma Verde Center	Monday/Wednesday
Otay Center	Tuesday/Thursday
Veterans Center	Friday/Saturday
Heritage Center	Monday/Wednesday
Parkway Center	Tuesday/Thursday
Salt Creek Center	Wednesday/Saturday
Monteville Center	Tuesday/Thursday

Norman Park Senior Center: Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. until noon during the month of January. In February, the center will be open the **same hours from Monday - Thursday**. The outside agencies using the building on the second floor will not be affected.

Loma Verde and Parkway Pools will operate five days a week with some seasonal variation. *Exact pool hours are to be determined.* Some adult lap swimming as well as recreational swim activities are being eliminated.

Public Works Services

Park and picnic shelter reservations: Will no longer be taken by phone but will still be available through the City's website.

Park Ranger Program: Eliminated

Park restroom and parking lot hours: may be reduced depending on staffing levels.

Graffiti on private property will no longer be removed by the City; graffiti removal on public property will be delayed.

Tree trimming services: Emergency basis only

Holiday lighting for Starlight Parade and downtown Third Avenue area: Eliminated

Custodial services:

Recreation centers on the weekends: Eliminated

Rohr Manor and Ranger Station: Eliminated

Civic Center Complex restrooms: Reduced from twice a day to once a day

Traffic congestion monitoring will be reduced or eliminated

The City Hall Complex including the Mayor and Council, City Manager, City Attorney, Development Services, Fire Administration, Human Resources and Finance will continue to be **closed to the public every Friday**.

Contacts

CLICK HERE for City Website

Animal Care Facility

Animal Control	476-2476
Adoptions/Fostering	691-5123
Volunteering	691-5000
Online ACF	CLICK HERE

City Clerk

Main Line	691-5041
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City Manager/Administration

Main Line	691-5031
Communications/ Media Relations	691-5296

Code Enforcement

691-5280

Conservation

409-3893

Developmental Services

Engineering	691-5021
Building	691-5272
Planning	691-5101
Small Business Services	409-5888
Small Business Programs	CLICK HERE

Finance

Main Line	691-5250
Purchasing	691-5141
Business Lic. Online	CLICK HERE

Fire

Emergency	911
Main Line	691-5055
Prevention Division	691-5029
Prevention Online	CLICK HERE

Human Resources

Main Line	691-5096
Job Hotline	691-5095
Volunteering	691-5000

Library

Civic Center Branch	691-5069
South Branch	585-5755
EastLake Branch	397-3980
Volunteering	691-5000
Online Branch	CLICK HERE

Mayor & City Council

691-5044

Nature Center

Nature Center Online	409-5900
	CLICK HERE

Police

Emergency	911
Report Crime/Dispatch	691-5151
Report Crime Online	CLICK HERE

Public Works

CLEAN Business Program	691-5122
CLEAN Program Online	CLICK HERE
Graffiti Hotline	691-5198
Graffiti Program Online	CLICK HERE
Graffiti IN PROGRESS	911
Household Hazard. Waste	691-5122
Park Reservations Online	CLICK HERE
Storm Water Hotline	397-6000
Recycling/Solid Waste	691-5122
Service Requests	397-6000
Service Requests Online	CLICK HERE

Recreation

Administration	409-5979
Recreation Online	CLICK HERE
CV Woman's Club	691-5083
Heritage Center	421-7032
Loma Verde Center	691-5082
Loma Verde Pool	691-5081
Monteville Center	691-5269
Norman Park Center	691-5086
Otay Center	476-5325
Parkway Center	691-5083
Parkway Pool	691-5088
Parkway Gym	691-5084
Salt Creek Center	585-5739
Veterans Center	691-5260

Redevelopment & Housing

Main Line	691-5047
Redev. & Housing Online	CLICK HERE